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WORLD SUGAR AND MOLASSES TRADE DECLINES IN 1972 // [statistics]

Sugar

World sugar trade decreased slightly in 1972 for the second year in a row. The decline in both exports and imports of sugar followed the harvesting of two successive short world crops. At the same time, consumption also increased in exporting countries, resulting in reduced supplies for export. World prices on a yearly average basis almost doubled between 1970 and 1972.

Total world sugar exports rose generally from an average of 19.2 million metric tons during 1965-69 to 21.5 million in 1971 and then decreased slightly to 21.2 million in 1972. Exports from the USSR, North America, and Asia declined in 1972 from the year before, but increased exports from Europe, Africa, and Oceania nearly matched the decreases. In the case of the USSR, exports dropped off sharply in 1972 because of reduced supplies following two short crops and Cuba's inability to export its usual amount to the USSR. Cuba's total exports were down by one-fourth from a year earlier because of its drought-reduced harvest in 1971-72. In Asia, the Philippines and India both exported less in 1972, compared with 1971.

Exports from almost all European countries increased in 1972 from the year before. The beet harvest in Europe was very good in 1971-72 allowing for larger export availabilities.

Brazil accounted for most of South America's increase. Production has been expanding steadily in Brazil and exports almost doubled in 1972 from the previous year. In Africa, the two largest exporters—South Africa and Mauritius—both exported more sugar in 1972.

World sugar imports amounted to an average of 18.6 million metric tons during 1965-69, compared to 20.7 million in 1971 and 20.6 million in 1972. Im-

ports into Western Europe, the USSR, and South America increased in 1972 from the year before, but decreases in other areas more than offset them in the aggregate. Most East European countries imported less in 1972 than in 1971, reflecting the good 1971-72 harvest and short supplies in the USSR and Cuba. Imports into most Asian countries decreased, although Japan's increased imports were an exception. Imports into North America, particularly the United States, declined.

Although foreign quota requirements under the U.S. Sugar Act were somewhat higher in 1972, there was less quota-exempt sugar imported and this was the case for all categories of quota-exempt sugar, such as for reexport, livestock feed, and alcohol. Additionally, over-quota sugar (held pending availability of quota) declined. During 1972, Africa and Oceania also imported smaller quantities from a year earlier. The USSR bought heavily on the world market following its short harvest in 1971-72.

Molasses

World imports of molasses decreased for the first time in several years in 1972 after world production had leveled off for 2 years. U.S. imports increased slightly in 1972 from a year earlier as more molasses continued to be demanded for livestock feed. However, imports into Japan, the United Kingdom, and the Netherlands were smaller.

On the export side, the Dominican Republic exported considerably less molasses in 1972 than a year earlier, following reduced output beginning in 1971-72. The Philippines also exported less in 1972. France and the Netherlands exported larger quantities in 1972, while Mexico exported the same amount. Overall, world molasses exports were down in 1972 reflecting reduced availabilities and higher prices.

Sugar, centrifugal, (raw value): Imports, average 1965-69, annual 1971 and 1972

(In thousands of metric tons)

Continent and country	Average : 1965-69	1971	1972 1/	Continent and country	Average : 1965-69	1971	1972 1/
North America				Africa			
Canada	860	899	907	Algeria	246	261	207
United States	4,096	4,821	4,750	Ghana	72	80	54
Other 2/	67	42	40	Kenya	49	77	111
Total North America...	5,023	5,762	5,697	Libya	53	57	79
South America				Morocco	227	246	222
Chile	188	195	205	Nigeria	72	142	118
Uruguay	52	31	53	Sierra Leone	25	26	22
Other 2/	1	2	1	Sudan	135	242	93
Total South America...	241	228	259	Tanzania	2	29	54
Europe				Tunisia	80	117	155
Austria	2	3/	3/	United Arab Republic	112	52	76
Belgium and Luxembourg.	35	8	4	Other 2/	310	348	360
Denmark	17	15	6	Total Africa	1,383	1,677	1,551
Finland	184	210	214	Asia			
France	123	108	125	Afghanistan	54	59	60
Germany, West	269	177	125	China, Mainland....	494	464	810
Greece	55	22	89	Cyprus	16	18	18
Iceland	12	11	10	Hong Kong	144	118	84
Ireland	64	42	31	Indonesia	53	175	24
Italy	181	538	579	Iran 5/	219	94	103
Malta	18	20	15	Iraq	289	336	238
Netherlands	168	15	39	Israel	103	139	101
Norway	172	183	171	Japan	1,913	2,427	2,777
Portugal	183	205	252	Jordan	78	50	40
Spain 4/	231	78	100	Korea, South	126	260	22
Sweden	123	163	112	Lebanon	46	71	29
Switzerland	248	260	247	Malaysia	292	330	259
United Kingdom	2,164	2,134	2,163	Pakistan	82	3/	196
Total West Europe ...	4,249	4,189	4,282	Singapore	167	141	138
East Europe				Southern Yemen, Rep. of	52	48	28
Bulgaria	249	269	168	Sri Lanka (Ceylon)...	261	312	222
Czechoslovakia	213	197	143	Syria	78	217	102
Germany, East	243	433	288	Vietnam, South	154	325	188
Hungary	24	198	145	Other 2/	119	117	100
Poland	26	43	22	Total Asia	4,740	5,701	5,539
Romania	25	129	80	Oceania			
Yugoslavia	125	155	300	New Zealand	139	171	155
Total East Europe ...	905	1,424	1,146	Other	19	20	20
Total Europe	5,154	5,613	5,428	Total Oceania	158	191	175
USSR (Europe and Asia)...	1,942	1,536	1,924	Total World	18,641	20,708	20,573
				U. S. Offshore Trade..	1,641	1,112	1,144
				Puerto Rico 6/	0	1	0
				Other 2/	1	4	2
				Total	1,642	1,117	1,146

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Includes trade of other countries not shown separately. 3/ Less than 500 tons.

4/ Canary Islands, Ceuta, and Melilla considered provinces of Spain after January 1, 1953. 5/ Iranian calendar year. 6/ Sugar and related products.

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SUGAR, CENTRIFUGAL, RAW VALUE: Exports, average 1965-69, annual 1971 and 1972
(In thousands of metric tons)

Continent and country	Average 1965-69	1971	1972 1/	Continent and country	Average 1965-69	1971	1972 1/
North America							
British Honduras	48	60	72	Germany, East	163	100	126
Canada	19	12	18	Hungary	52	2	0
Costa Rica	55	83	76	Poland	212	86	332
El Salvador	49	71	134	Romania	100	23	10
Guatemala	50	70	73	Yugoslavia	17	61	35
Honduras	8	10	12	Total East Europe..	996	654	838
Mexico	460	546	540				
Nicaragua	40	78	91	Total Europe	2,354	2,687	3,551
Panama	25	41	37				
United States	2	1	1	USSR (Europe and Asia)..	1,089	1,401	64
Caribbean							
Antigua	6	8	0	Africa			
Barbados	163	126	118	Angola	24	9	10
Cuba	4,969	5,511	4,139	Malagasy Republic ..	67	74	38
Dominican Republic	583	1,011	1,098	Mauritius	571	489	650
Guadeloupe	55	70	65	Mozambique	134	207	80
Haiti	24	21	22	Reunion	244	100	75
Jamaica	378	202	280	Rhodesia	110	90	105
St. Kitts	34	23	24	South African Rep. 3/	734	828	1,168
Trinidad and Tobago	192	174	191	Swaziland	125	150	189
Other 2/	1	0	0	Uganda	7	0	0
Total North America ..	7,166	8,118	6,991	Other 2/	59	140	130
				Total Africa	2,075	2,087	2,445
South America							
Argentina	74	121	94	Asia			
Brazil	968	1,191	2,054	China, Mainland	337	116	50
Colombia	155	161	203	Taiwan	706	523	520
Ecuador	67	88	86	Hong Kong	23	41	17
Guyana	310	362	320	India	232	323	104
Peru	400	432	481	Indonesia	25	0	0
Venezuela	34	36	98	Philippines	970	1,422	1,240
Other 2/	12	8	10	Thailand	34	145	139
Total South America ..	2,020	2,399	3,346	Turkey	82	29	122
				Other 2/	100	48	52
Europe				Total Asia	2,510	2,647	2,244
Belgium and Luxembourg..	157	239	434				
Denmark	72	64	68	Oceania			
France	708	1,168	1,378	Australia 4/	1,636	1,762	2,298
Germany, West	49	56	286	Fiji	309	354	290
Ireland	16	15	16	Total Oceania	1,945	2,116	2,588
Netherlands	14	129	118				
Switzerland	6	9	11	Total World	19,159	21,455	21,229
United Kingdom	280	384	330				
Other 2/	48	69	72	U. S. Offshore Trade ..	5/	0	1
Total West Europe	1,358	2,033	2,713	Puerto Rico	561	131	135
Bulgaria	62	32	35	Hawaii	1,079	986	1,010
Czechoslovakia	390	350	300	Virgin Islands	2	0	0
				Total	1,642	1,117	1,146

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Includes trade of other countries not shown separately. 3/ Beginning 1965, Swaziland excluded. 4/ Crop year ending May of year shown. 5/ Less than 500 tons.

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Molasses, industrial: Exports of specified countries,
average 1965-69 and annual 1970 through 1972
(In metric tons)

Continent and country	Average 1965-69	1970	1971	1972 ^{1/}
North America:				
Barbados	43,375	56,701	26,000	27,000
Canada	6,053	1,033	701	1,495
Cuba ^{2/}	527,612	400,000	300,000	300,000
Dominican Republic	178,143	309,430	274,098	73,233
Jamaica	129,789	128,573	111,568	68,719
Mexico	609,287	321,150	670,000	670,000
Trinidad and Tobago	67,176	79,809	72,418	56,288
United States	73,022	57,890	21,944	38,703
Total	1,634,457	1,354,586	1,476,729	1,235,438
South America:				
Colombia	71,268	25,561	56,979	65,500
Ecuador	35,999	46,429	59,339	13,434
Guyana	90,176	93,849	86,848	69,036
Peru	76,813	65,984	70,000	106,755
Total	274,256	231,823	273,166	254,725
Europe:				
Austria	0	0	0	0
Belgium and Luxembourg	10,708	15,464	29,855	28,598
Denmark	15,395	10	0	7,919
France	109,277	191,716	245,970	301,299
Germany, West	781	1,660	14,929	41,197
Greece	22,557	52,000	49,206	41,761
Italy	28,709	0	0	420
Netherlands	24,152	177,727	116,417	153,123
United Kingdom ^{3/}	35,991	48,310	55,326	74,248
Total	247,570	486,887	511,703	648,565
Africa:				
Mauritius	122,181	100,371	133,431	125,000
Mozambique	40,071	72,739	80,991	70,000
South Africa, Republic of	232,349	186,617	161,831	151,619
Total	394,601	359,727	376,253	346,619
Asia:				
Hong Kong	60	0	0	0
India ^{3/}	1,631	121,690	0	30,874
Indonesia	194,788	134,751	100,000	112,570
Philippines	359,310	619,381	728,470	544,640
Thailand	83,563	111,528	239,546	223,171
Turkey	49,780	23,100	43,302	63,680
Total	689,132	1,010,450	1,111,318	974,935
Oceania:				
Australia	144,339	203,134	220,558	224,166
Fiji	86,682	70,000	92,708	100,000
Total	231,021	273,134	313,266	324,166
Total of above	3,471,037	3,716,607	4,062,435	3,784,448

^{1/} Preliminary. ^{2/} Compiled from statistics of importing countries. ^{3/} Includes invert sugar.
^{4/} Crop year beginning July of year indicated.

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Molasses, industrial: Imports of specified countries,
average 1965-69 and annual 1970 through 1972
(In metric tons)

Continent and country	Average 1965-69	1970	1971	1972 ^{1/}
North America:				
Canada ^{2/}	175,520	168,218	145,710	164,035
United States	1,776,281	2,038,360	2,128,653	2,166,464
Total	1,951,801	2,206,578	2,274,363	2,330,499
Europe:				
Austria	11,713	12,706	26,763	47,115
Belgium and Luxembourg	116,743	137,347	193,434	139,182
Denmark	3,000	3,924	4,455	3,404
France	94,553	160,502	185,000	234,652
Germany, West	132,275	241,416	296,501	240,369
Greece	16,018	914	605	0
Ireland	24,747	39,252	84,601	106,170
Italy	28,454	79,479	120,408	95,356
Netherlands	284,535	563,617	575,256	496,481
Norway	46,081	53,841	57,931	60,000
Sweden	44,463	46,990	64,418	50,614
United Kingdom ^{3/}	520,243	585,629	623,824	408,961
Total	1,322,825	1,925,617	2,233,196	1,882,304
Other countries:				
Hong Kong	829	500	264	200
Japan	826,890	872,866	1,170,084	1,034,213
Total	827,719	873,366	1,170,348	1,034,413
Total of above	4,102,345	5,005,561	5,677,907	5,247,216

^{1/} Preliminary. ^{2/} Includes hi-test molasses. ^{3/} Includes invert sugar.
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